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In re Patent Application:

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WITH IMPROVED THERMAL
STABILITY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 19, 2008, providing for a response time of one month or 30 days, whichever is longer. Applicants respectfully request that the fee for a 1-month extension of time be charged to the Deposit Account 22-0261. Applicant further authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fee deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261. Applicants, by their attorneys, respond to the Restriction Requirement of March 19, 2008 by electing without traverse as follows.

Remarks and Election in Response to the Restriction Requirement

For clarity, Applicants reiterate the Examiner's view of distinct inventions as expressed in the Restriction Requirement of March 19, 2008:

Group I. Claims 1-8 and 17-23;

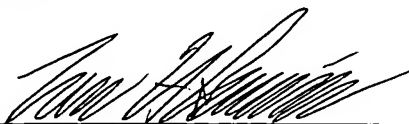
Group II. Claims 9-16.

Applicants elect Group I, i.e., claims 1-8 and 17-23, without traverse.

Although this election is made without traverse, Applicants specifically reserve the right to rejoinder of the claims of Group II and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement upon allowance of a claim of Group I and amendment of the claims of Group II to include all limitations of the allowed claim, pursuant to MPEP § 821.04.

Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance of claims 1-8 and 17-23 be timely issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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